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SUBJ: GOIC REQUEST FOR AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE: VISIT TO US OF
MINAG

REFS: A. ABIDJAN 2578; B. STATE 221486; C. STATE 42087

1. RE GOIC MINAG SAWADOGO'S VISIT TO US (REF A), MINISTER PROVIDED
EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. MINISTER MUST BE BACK IN ABIDJAN BY APRIL 25 AND, THEREFORE,
SHOULD ARRIVE IN US NO LATER THAN PARIL 15.

B. VISIT WOULD BE CONFINED TO DISCUSSION OF ECONOMICS OF DEVEL-
OPING SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN IVORY COAST AND TO CONTACTING US FIRMS
POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN ASSISTING GOIC (SEE BELOW); TRIPS TO SOYBEAN

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LATER TRIP IN, FOR EXAMPLE, MAY.

C. GOIC IS INTERESTED IN ENGAGING US FIRM TO UNDERTAKE TURNKEY PROJECT SO THAT IN NEXT 2-3 YEARS IVORY COAST WILL BE SIGNIFICANT PRODUCER OF SOYBEANS. FIRM WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE WITH IVORY COAST EXPERTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASIC STRATEGY TO DETERMINE FOR EACH REGION IN IVORY COAST APPROPRIATE PLANTING DATES, SEED VARIETIES, SANITARY REQUIREMENTS, ETC., WOULD PRODUCE APPROPRIATE

SEEDS FOR PLANTING IN DESIGNATED REGIONS, AND WOULD EVENTUALLY DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL SCALE SOYBEAN "PLANTATIONS".

D. MINISTER PLANS, WHILE IN US, TO BUY UP TO ONE METRIC TON OF SOYBEAN SEEDS, PARTICULARLY BOSSIER REPEAT BOSSIER, A VARIETY WHICH HAS BEEN TRIED SUCCESSFULLY IN IVORY COAST AND IBADAN, NIGERIA.

2. AS EMBASSY COMMENTED REF A, WE APPRECIATE THAT TIME AVAILABLE TO ARRANGE MINISTER'S PROGRAM IS SHORT. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, APPROPRIATE AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO GOIC REQUEST. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY ASAP (BUT NO LATER THAN COB APRIL 11) WHETHER MINISTER SAWADOGO CAN MAKE TRIP AS PROPOSED. IF SOYBEAN DEVELOPMENT IN IVORY COAST ACHIEVES SCALE INDICATED BY MINISTER, EMBASSY ESTIMATES CONTACTS TO US FIRM(S) COULD POSSIBLY REACH \$50-75 MILLION RANGE.
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